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The Alumni Association of the Art Institute held their annual dinner and election on Tuesday, February 15. The following officers were elected: President, Oliver Dennett Grover; Vice-President, Pauline Palmer; Honorary President, Joseph P. Birren; Recording Secretary, Leonide C. Lavaron; Corresponding Secretary, Philip J. Hurn. Joseph P. Birren the retiring president acted as toastmaster. Short speeches were given by the following: Mr. Carpenter; Mr. Grover; Mr. Albright; Mrs. Grover; Pauline Palmer; Mr. Hurn. Before and after the dinner, a reception was held in the galleries.

Preparations are in progress for the annual Mardi Gras festival of the Art Students' League to be held March 7.

In the current exhibition of the Chicago Society of Artists, the following students of the school are represented: Kate Lee Bacon; Sidney Bedore; Gerald A. Frank; Eugene M. Frandzen; Frank Gustafson; Edith Hammond; Samuel Klastorner; Mabel Laudrum; Helen Adèle Lerch; Felicie Modjeska; Ruth Sherwood; Ida McClelland Stout; Allen Lee Swisher; and C. von Schneidau.

In its fourth issue *The Art Student* shows that its ambitions extend beyond the limited circle of student activities. One might even predict, from its progress attained so far, that it will take a place in the field of general art publications. "What the art student may learn from Japanese prints" by Frederick W. Gookin forms the opening article. Another of the several informing contributions is from the pen of Joseph P. Birren, Honorary President of the Art Institute Alumni.



#### ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY —

An interesting accession of the month is Degas' album containing twenty designs wonderfully reproduced in facsimile. Another purchase of twenty reproductions of famous Japanese paintings has been made from the Shimbi Shoin of Tokyo. These with a former purchase make a collection of forty-five reproductions, showing examples of Japanese painting from the ninth to the nineteenth century.

Mr. Ryerson presented a work on Goya by M. Segui y Riera and the "Album de la guerre" published by the Comité de la Fraternité des artistes.

In the Photograph and Lantern Slide Department, a set of lantern slides on the Parks and Playgrounds of Chicago has been added to the collection. These are taken from the various parks on the North, South and West sides and include general views of the parks as well as the activities carried on there. There are lantern slides of the Landscape gardening, the water gardens and drives. The Field Houses, both exteriors and interiors are well illustrated and the sports such as bathing, golf, baseball and swimming pools are shown.

CONVENTIONS AT WASHINGTON — The two organizations, the American Federation of Arts and the American Association of Museums, will meet in Washington about the middle of May. Mr. Charles L. Hutchinson, first vice-president, and Mr. Newton H. Carpenter, treasurer of the American Federation of Arts, plan to attend.